

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Received in SUBMISSIONS and at the PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing held on July 2, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland
In relation to

*State of Maryland 0.075 ppm 8-Hour Ozone Nitrogen Oxide Reasonably Available
Control Technology (RACT) State Implementation Plan*

Dates and Locations: A public hearing was held on July 2, 2018, at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

The Hearing and Comment Period: The public hearing allowed public comment on a document prepared for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pertaining to the state implementation plan (SIP) above.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is formally submitting the State of Maryland 0.075 ppm 8-Hour Ozone Nitrogen Oxide Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) State Implementation Plan, SIP # 18-04. This document consists of Maryland's State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision developed for the purpose of meeting the RACT requirements set forth by the Clean Air Act (CAA), as the requirements apply to the 0.075 ppm 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). This document is a revised and updated version of the RACT SIP that Maryland submitted in 2011, in response to the 1997 0.080 ppm 8-hr ozone standard.

This SIP was released for public comment and review on May 23, 2018, on the MDE Web site, and on June 8, 2018, in the *Maryland Register*. Prior to the hearing, the public was urged to express their concerns via the standard U.S. Postal Service mail, by fax, or by email submission.

Statement: At the hearing, Alexandra Brun served as the hearing officer. Jess Herpel, a Natural Resources Planner representing the Air Quality Planning Program of the Air and Radiation Administration, read the hearing statement.

Comments and Responses: Comments from the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN), United Workers, Greater Baybrook Community Land Trust, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), and Clean Water Action (CWA) concerning NO_x limits for municipal waste combustors were received during the hearing. One comment from EIP concerning Maryland's public hearing process was also received during the hearing.

EIP, CCAN, United Workers, Greater Baybrook Community Land Trust, CWA, and Sierra Club submitted joint written comments regarding the NOx limit for municipal waste combustors and the public hearing process on July 2, 2018.

Written comments from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) concerning the NOx limits for existing peaking turbines, engines, and municipal waste combustors were received on June 25, 2018.

Responses to these comments are part of the SIP package and can be found in the documents titled *Maryland Department of the Environment Response to Comments for Written Submissions* and *Maryland Department of the Environment Response to Comments for Oral Submissions*.